(n) Decide on any other matters within the aim and objectives of the Organization.

Article 8
The Council

1. The Council is the executive organ of the Organization and shall be responsible for directing the activities of the Organization.
2. The Council shall consist of the President and the Vice President and twenty-three other Member States.
3. Council members shall be elected by ballot at each regular session of the General Assembly in accordance with the General Regulations. Council members should, in principle, be drawn from different parts of the world, with a view to achieving a worldwide representation.
4. At the Council, Member States shall preferably be represented by a delegate from a national authority responsible for the regulation, provision, maintenance or operation of Marine Aids to Navigation of that Member State.
5. Seventeen members of the Council, at least one of which must be the President or Vice President, shall constitute a quorum for the sessions of the Council.
6. The Council shall meet at least once a year.
7. Any Member State not represented on the Council may participate in the Council meetings, but will not be entitled to vote.
8. The Council shall:
   (a) Exercise such responsibilities as may be delegated to it by the General Assembly;
   (b) Coordinate the activities of the Organization within the framework of the overall policy, the strategic vision and the outline budget, as decided by the General Assembly;
   (c) Review and approve the financial statements, including the annual budget;
   (d) Decide on Affiliate membership;
   (e) Convene the General Assembly;
   (f) Report to the General Assembly on the work of the Organization;
   (g) Review papers submitted to it in accordance with the General Regulations;
   (h) Refer to the General Assembly all matters requiring decision by the General Assembly;
   (i) Approve recommendations, guidelines, manuals and other appropriate documents;
   (j) Approve submissions to other organizations;
   (k) Appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees and subsidiary bodies and review and approve their work programmes;
   (l) Decide the venue and the year of the Organization's conferences and symposia as described in the General Regulations; and
   (m) Approve the Staff Rules.
9. Council members may, after having informed the President and the Secretary-General, invite Affiliate Members to participate as technical advisors at Council meetings to provide advice and support on operational and technical matters.

Article 9
Committees and Subsidiary Bodies

1. Committees and subsidiary bodies shall support the aim and objectives of the Organization.
2. The Committees shall:
   (a) Prepare and review standards, recommendations, guidelines, manuals and other appropriate documents identified in the work programmes;
   (b) Monitor developments in the area of Marine Aids to Navigation;
   (c) Facilitate the sharing of expertise and experience amongst Member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members; and
   (d) Conduct any other tasks as decided by the Council.

Article 10
The Secretariat

1. The permanent Secretariat of the Organization shall be comprised of the Secretary-General and such staff as may be required for the work of the Organization within the approved budgetary framework.
2. The term of the Secretary-General shall be three years. The Secretary-General may be re-elected for up to two additional consecutive terms of three years each.
3. The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Organization, subject to any guidance issued by the General Assembly or the Council.
4. The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the conclusion of agreements with States and international organizations subject to the approval of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 7.7 (m).
5. The staff of the Secretariat shall be appointed in accordance with the Staff Rules by the Secretary-General on such terms and to perform such duties as the Secretary-General may determine.
6. The Secretariat shall:
   (a) Maintain all such records as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of the work of the Organization and shall prepare, collect, and circulate any documentation that may be required;
   (b) Administer the Organization's finances under the direction of the Council, in accordance with the General Regulations;
   (c) Prepare the financial arrangements and the financial statements;
   (d) Keep Member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members and other organizations informed with respect to the activities of the Organization;
   (e) Organize and support meetings of the General Assembly, the Council, Committees and subsidiary bodies;
   (f) Organize and support conferences and symposia as approved by the Council;
   (g) Organize and support seminars, workshops and other events; and
   (h) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by this Convention, the General Regulations, the General Assembly or the Council.
7. In the performance of their duties, the Secretary-General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any other source external to the Organization. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials responsible only to the Organization. Each Member State on its part undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Article 11
Voting

1. All efforts shall be made for the General Assembly and the Council to adopt decisions by consensus amongst Member States.
2. Where decisions of the General Assembly or Council cannot be adopted by consensus, they shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of Member States present and voting through a secret ballot.
3. Only Member States shall have voting rights. Each Member State shall have one vote, except as specified in Article 13.4.